

HOUSE RESOLUTION 413
By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to commend Erika Lynne Ruch for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Erika Ruch is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Kent Coleman and the Judiciary Committee; Ms. Ruch's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Ruch has achieved academic success while majoring in International Relations and Spanish, minoring in French, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a Memphis native, Ms. Ruch attended the University of Memphis before beginning her studies at MTSU; during her time at the University of Memphis, she developed a love of the Spanish language and had the opportunity to study in Valladolid, Spain and at the Universidad de Costa Rica; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Ruch brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Ms. Ruch has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and has provided invaluable support to Representatives Kent Coleman, Joe Fowlkes, and John Mark Windle, as well as to the

members of the Judiciary Committee, staff members Monika Banc, Dorris Barnes, and Melissa Tribble, and fellow intern Dylan Tuggle; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ruch has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Erika Lynne Ruch for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Kent Coleman and the Judiciary Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.